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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Richard C Weisberger

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03/12/00 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: .

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garrido, US Patent # 6213703.

The prior art teaches a book vending machine (an EBS) that allows for on demand selection, local printing, and binding. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, referring to FIG. 2, the EBS 2, can include the following:

- (1) a receiving means 4 to receive data electronically, for example via telephone line, satellite, cable, wireless feed or other type of device to receive electronic data;
- (2) a storage and decoding means 5 for storing and decoding the received data,
- (3) a user interaction means 6 to allow a user to preview the received data and/or provide input to the EBS;
- (4) a distribution means 7 for distributing the data to a printing means 8;
- (5) a printing means 8 for printing the data on, for example, a plurality of loose sheets of paper;
- (6) a transport means 9 to transport the loose sheets of paper;
- (7) a paper cutting means 10 to cut the sheets of paper and, preferably, to notch the `spine` edge of the book pages to prepare them to receive the glue which will bind them together in a book form,

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- (8) a holding means 11 to hold the loose sheets of paper;
- (9) a clamping means 12 to clamp the loose sheets of paper into a book block and transport said book block through the rest of the process;
- (10) a stacking means 13 to stack, vibrate and align the loose sheets of paper into a single book block,
- (11) a glueing means 14 to apply cold glue to the spine of the book;
- (12) a cleaning means 15 to clean and collect excess glue;
- (13) a drying means 16 to dry the glue with, for example, hot air and a timer;
- (14) a labeling means 17 to attach heavy-stock strip labels to the spine of the book;
- (15) a folding means 18 to fold the strip labels around the spine of the book;
- (16) a trimming means 19 to trim any excess of strip label or paper;
- (17) a forming means 20 to give the final form to the book;
- (18) a delivery means 21 from which the book will exit the EBS;
- (19) a money collecting means 22 to collect money from a customer; and
- (29) a storage space 23 to store paper and other materials.

Moreover, the reference teaches that the EBS is illustrative only and modifications available to one skilled in the art are included in specification. Thus it would have been obvious to include a display panel like that claimed, as motivated by the need to increase induce sales. Likewise, each of the limitations not found in the claims are directed to functional elements to which one skilled in the art would deem an obvious modification directed to a art recognized function and result.

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Respectfully By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Weisberger', is written over a horizontal line.

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